(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to auction DDA's MIG and HIG flats;

(b) if so, whether this would hike the costs of the flats and make the flats out of bound for middle class people; and

(c) whether it is a fact that by auctioning, Government would earn a considerable amount and so in what manner Government propose to utilize the same and for whose benefit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In view of reply to (a) above, questions do not arise.

Unlawful occupation of staff quarters

3948. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the residential quarters allotted to civil servants and Central Government servants which have not been vacated even after the allottees had vacated the posts in New Delhi and other parts of the country; and

(b) the steps that have been taken to evict the unlawful occupants of staff quarters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Sir, the number of the residential quarters allotted to civil servants and Central Government servants which have not been vacated even after the allottees had vacated the posts in New Delhi and other parts of the country is 524 (Five hundred twenty four).

(b) Eviction proceedings under the provisions of Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Act, 1971 have been initiated against them to secure vacant possession of the house.

Encroachment on Government land

3949. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the policy of MCD, all forms of encroachments on

Government land which includes roads, public streets, parks, pavements, pathways meant for public, etc. are to be removed and encroachers are liable for prosecution under DMC Act;

(b) whether at Ashok Vihar Phase-IV Delhi, passage provided by DDA in its CSC Market has been blocked by officials of MCD;

(c) if so, what action has been taken or proposed to be taken to remove the encroachment, clear the blocked passage and also against the erring officials under DMC Act; and

(d) if no action has been taken the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has reported that the passage provided by Delhi Development Authority (DDA) was closed by providing an iron gate in the past. On demand of the public/residents of the flats for safety of their properties etc. The gate was removed and a wall was constructed in the presence of the concerned Residents' Welfare Association, the Court Commissionier appointed by High Court and the local police.

(c) and (d) MCD has reported that this is not an encroachment, but a case of closing of an opening to prevent entry of unauthorized elements in to the flats from the CSC market. This step has been taken for the safety of the residents.

Subletting of Government accommodation

3950. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is conducting regular checking to avoid subletting of Government accommodation allotted to Government servants;

(b) if so, the number of subletting cases detected during the last one year in Type III and Type-IV quarters; and

(c) the action that has been taken against those Government servants who are found to be subletting their Government accommodation?